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After winning in a six-round shootout Friday, the Mavs fall to Miami 6-1.

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University officials concerned over \$29 million budget gap

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

No one needs to be told anymore that the economy isn't doing so well, and Nebraska is starting to see its share of the impact from the global recession.

Starting in September, the recession worsened following the freezing of global credit markets, according to a recent report released by the Nebraska Business Forecast Council through the UNL Bureau of Business Research. This began a second phase of the recession that the forecasting council, which includes UNO economics professor Chris Decker, predicts Nebraska will fully participate.

Fortunately, however, "the recession will not be as severe in Nebraska as nationwide," the report predicts, "and the Nebraska economy should pull out of the recession at around the same time as the national economy," around the end of 2009 or early 2010.

It should come as no surprise, then, that Gov. Dave Heineman's proposed biennial budget for the State of Nebraska emphasizes belt tightening rather than raising taxes.

"Our hard work during the past few years has better positioned us



Chancellor John Christensen (center), along with Bill Conley (left) and Terry Hynes (right), take questions at a budget forum on Jan. 22. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)

to weather the coming fiscal storm, but state government must tighten its belt just as Nebraska families and businesses are doing," Heineman said in his annual State of the State address on Jan. 15. "Making difficult but wise decisions today will position our state to emerge stronger when the national economy improves."

Heineman's budget proposal prioritizes education, with 85 percent of new spending earmarked for schools and colleges, but still leaves a \$29 million gap between the proposal and

the university's requested budget.

This gap includes the suspension of \$1.9 million in budgeting depreciation assessments, which Heineman suggested to help the university balance its budget.

On Thursday, Chancellor John Christensen held a forum in the Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room to inform and solicit input from the campus community on how to help the university make up the remaining dollars.

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Student's truck on fire at Crossroads Mall garage

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Students riding the shuttle buses to Crossroads Mall on Friday morning were greeted by smoke billowing out of the parking garage as a truck parked on the southeast corner was engulfed in fire.

Campus Security was alerted shortly before 10 a.m. by a shuttle bus driver. Police and fire units arrived at the scene.

Paul Kosel, assistant manager of Campus Security, said the truck belonged to a UNO student. Shuttle traffic was rerouted to the north and west entrances.

Pre-nursing sophomore Claire Van Ormer said she realized, as she looked out from the shuttle bus, the smoke seemed to be coming from where she'd parked her car that morning.

Van Ormer was on her way back to Crossroads after leaving her Native American studies class at approximately 9:50 a.m.

"It smelled like I had been at a bonfire all night or smoked a bajillion cigarettes," Van Ormer said.

As Van Ormer walked closer, she realized the smoldering truck was parked next to her car.

"We pulled up and the smoke was everywhere, and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, that's by my car,'" Van Ormer said.

"We walked down and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, that's right by my car.' The fire department checked it out and said that it was OK."

Sophomore marketing student Jill Kocsis had gotten a ride to class that morning from Van Ormer. She was also on the scene, taking in the damage.

"The truck was just black everywhere," Kocsis said. "The doors of the truck were open."

Fire officials had put the fire out, but not before the intense heat started to affect Van Ormer's car. "My friend's car was melting, stuff on it [was melting],"

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Crossroads garage lease contract given OK from Board of Regents

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NEWS EDITOR

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents unanimously approved an agreement Friday with Simon Property Group Inc., the management company that owns Crossroads Mall, to continue to allow UNO students to park at the garage next academic year.

The agreement for the 2009-10 academic year commits the university to paying \$3,000 per day – totaling \$474,000 for the 158 days the garage will be used – the same rate UNO agreed to last year after Crossroads hiked the rate more than 2,300 percent.

"I didn't like this very well when we did this a year ago," said regent Bob Whitehouse. "I'm not any more excited about it today."

Chancellor John Christensen said he was unhappy with the situation, but the university was "just stuck right now." Crossroads was the best solution available to the university after other possibilities were explored.

"We have looked at just about every possibility remotely available to us," Christensen said. "We can't get a place that can accommodate the number of students using it."

UNO attempted to secure parking at other locations near campus, Christensen said, but while several locations were willing to

allow parking, only a couple hundred stalls would be available at any given location.

The increased shuttle routes necessary to support several new locations outweighed the potential savings of not using Crossroads, which provides parking for about 1,200 students per school day on average.

In addition to other negotiations, UNO attempted to negotiate a parking arrangement with First Data Corp., which owns property adjacent to the Pacific Street campus, but the university was unsuccessful at closing a deal.

"At this point in time, every other option – when you factor in travel, cost of shuttles between remote locations and convenience for students – results in the choice of Crossroads," Christensen said.

Student regent Neal Bonacci, who was attending his first Board of Regents meeting as a representative from UNO, said he didn't hear the sort of negative feedback from students to the Crossroads proposal that there was last year, when then-student regent Lucas Seiler received negative responses from a couple hundred students.

Bonacci said he didn't speak during the discussion because he felt UNO's administrators adequately reflected the students' perspective on the issue and the decision had already been made to support the proposal.

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Diversity, construction of garage at UNL supported by NU regents

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Regent Kent Schroeder of Kearney was appointed chairman of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents on Friday, taking the position as regent Chuck Hassebrook's term as chairman expired.

Regent Bob Phares of North Platte was elected vice-chairman, the position held by Schroeder last year. It is the first leadership role on the board for Phares, who was elected in 2006.

Schroeder, an attorney in private practice and former member of the Kearney City Council, was first elected to the Board of Regents in 1998. He has previously served as the board's vice-chairman in 2001 and chairman in 2002.

After electing leadership, the Board of Regents welcomed two new members – UNO student regent Neal Bonacci and UNMC student regent Brad Bohn, who formerly served as UNK's student regent in 2005-06.

In other business, the regents:

- Affirmed their support for diversity despite the recent adoption of Initiative 424, the amendment to the Nebraska Constitution prohibiting discrimination or preference on the basis of race, gender or national origin. They also committed to following the new law, citing guidance documents created by university lawyers.

- Selected DLR Group Inc. to provide design services for the UNO University Life Complex, a 54-acre development at the former Chili Greens golf course that includes competition fields for baseball, softball and soccer.

- Approved the construction of a \$16.8 million parking garage for

UNL that should bring about 1,100 new stalls to Lincoln by July 2011. Regent Howard Hawks of Omaha said he was concerned about using capital to build the garage but hoped the project could be completed sooner than scheduled.

- Listened to presentations about the NU system campuses' outreach

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Dundee Room computer lab reduces hours due to student safety concerns

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As the Dundee Room of the Milo Bail Student Center began closing its doors at night this semester, procrastinators and night owls lost their computer lab.

Last semester, students had access to a 24-hour study room that included three computers and a printer in the Dundee Room, located just inside the north doors of the student center.

Beginning this semester, however, the room's hours were changed to the building's regular hours, leaving it locked at night.

The primary reason for the lab closing was concerns over student safety, said Jim Welch, director of the student center.

After having Campus Security monitor the traffic, Welch said, the decision was made to close the lab. Response time to a potential incident was the university's biggest concern.

"The lab was used, but not used that late at night," Welch said.

While no significant safety incidents have occurred during the late hours of the lab, Welch said he wants to keep it that way. The decision to change the hours of the lab was one building officials and administrators had been discussing for a few years.

"We felt that we had been fortunate in the past and didn't want to take a chance with student safety," Welch said. "That's what it boils down to."

UNO student regent Neal Bonacci said in an e-mail he was meeting with Welch this week to discuss the changes because he felt having a 24-hour computer lab on campus was beneficial to students.

"It is a place that students know they can go to if they need Internet or printing access at all hours of the day," Bonacci said. "Though it only had a few computers, it was very convenient and was a computer lab where I saw students working in it at all hours of the day."

Currently, there are few late-night options for students looking to use a computer on campus and none after midnight. While Welch said he sees this as an issue, he is unsure of how big of an issue it is with so many students carrying laptops or having access to a desktop computer at home.

The Dundee Room is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 9 p.m.

Other campus options include the Criss Library, which is open until midnight Sunday through Thursday, and the Milo Bail Student Center Elmwood Room, which is open until midnight every day.

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"I felt that Bill [Conley] said exactly what I was going to say," Bonacci said. "I didn't feel I needed to say anything. I think the chancellor did a good job, as well."

Ultimately, Bonacci said, the university was fortunate not to see the rate increase this year, as it had done in previous years. Given the economic condition of the country, Bonacci said the price tag was understandable.

"It's probably what we should've been paying for this whole time," Bonacci said. "It's a reasonable price."

Christensen and Bill Conley, vice chancellor for Business and Finance, told the regents they believed this would be the last year UNO would need the Crossroads parking structure.

One alternative UNO is hopeful about is a parking garage at Aksarben Village, which might make parking available in the morning and early afternoon, Christensen said.

The development of the University Life Complex, located on former site of the Chili Greens golf course, will also make a thousand stalls available to the university, Conley said. The university is also looking to close on purchasing additional land in the area soon.

"I believe I think we'll have more options before we'd ever have to renew this contract," Christensen said after the meeting. "I'm very confident that we'll have it solved by next year."

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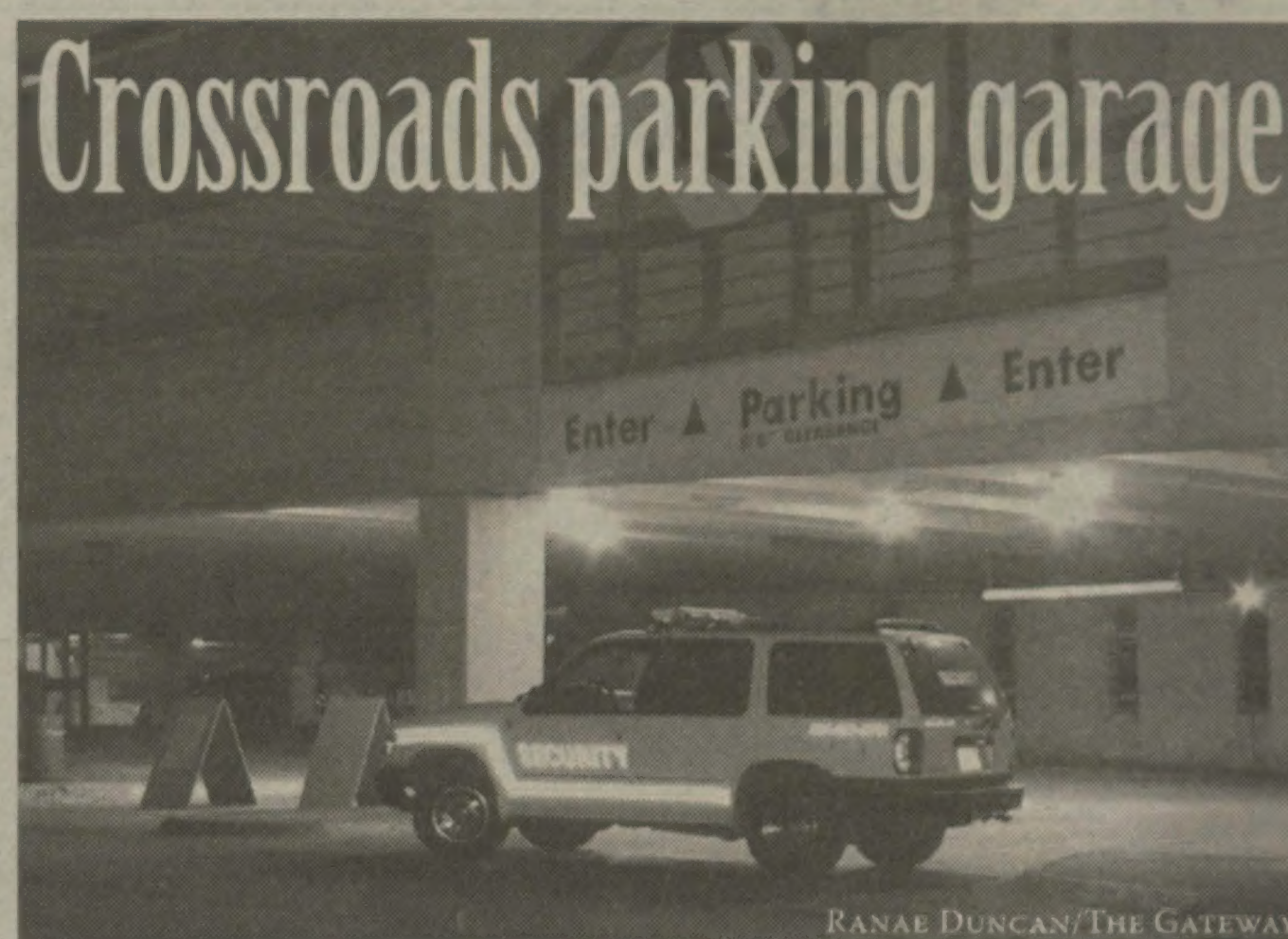
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Suicide at Crossroads parking garage

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*Crossroads security
closes off a parking
entrance after a body is
found in a vehicle early
Friday morning.*



RANAE DUNCAN/THE GATEWAY

A person committed suicide in the Crossroads Mall parking garage, according to a report by WOWT Channel 6 news.

Omaha police discovered the person sometime after 1:30 a.m. Friday, according to WOWT. The person's identity has not been released.

It is not known whether the person was a UNO student.

An officer from the Omaha Police Department's front desk refused to comment, and public records were unavailable to The Gateway before press time.

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Speaking to the approximately 125 faculty and staff members at the forum, Bill Conley, vice chancellor for business and finance, said the budget would be balanced through a combination of tuition increases, additional appropriations from the state, limits on wage increases and cutting items from the budget.

Conley explained that every additional 1 percent tuition increase would generate \$2 million for the university-wide budget, while every 1 percent wage increase beyond the 2.5 percent requested would add an additional \$5.3 million in budget obligations.

Complicating matters, Christensen described the university's current budget as "anorexic," saying the challenge of reducing the budget will be made all the more difficult because tolerance to budget cuts have been reduced since cuts made earlier this decade.

"We've had to live without a lot for a long time, so sacrifice is not something we're unaccustomed to," Christensen said.

In the 2002-03 fiscal year, for instance, a \$2.3 million budget cut at UNO saw the

Kabourek, assistant vice president and director of budget, said in his presentation that higher education institutions across the Midwest were suffering.

The University of Iowa and Iowa State University are looking at 1.5 percent budget cuts for 2009, while the University of Kansas faces a 3 percent cut in 2009 and a 9 percent cut in 2010, Kabourek said. Creighton University has implemented a hiring freeze and is looking to cut its spending by 10 percent.

"At this point in January, nobody has certainty where the economy will go," NU President James B. Milliken said. "Nebraska is in a relatively strong position, but that's a relatively strong position in a weak economy."

Both Christensen and Milliken said they do not expect double-digit tuition increases to be the solution for the university budget crunch.

"We will not balance the budget by drastically higher tuition," Milliken said. "The students will not bear the entire burden of a shortfall."

However, such dramatic tuition increases have not been unheard of in recent university history.

Following the 2003-03 fiscal year, UNO saw a 15 percent increase in undergraduate resident tuition, according to data provided by Institutional Research. In the four-year period between the 2002-03 and 2005-06 fiscal years, tuition at UNO increased by 55.8 percent.

The university is planning on holding two more budget forums, with the second coming in late February or early March and the third coming in late April or early May. A "Budget 101" presentation,

explaining the budget making process, will also be made to the Staff Advisory Council on Feb. 10 at 9 a.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Council Room.

A Web site will also be launched soon to keep the campus community aware of budget information and solicit suggestions on how to save money, Terry Hynes, senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, said at the forum.

"In absolute honesty, we want to hear from folks," Christensen said. "Do not withhold your ideas. That isn't fair to the others, in my opinion."

After the forum, Christensen said he was surprised by the lack of student turnout. He said he plans to address Student Government about the budget and make a special invitation for students to attend the remaining budget forums.

"Students can help us; frankly, they're in the trenches," Christensen said. "Students can help us with the conservation effort and saving dollars."



SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY

closure of the Learning Center, which provided specific class tutoring and general learning skills and test preparation assistance, according to The Gateway's archives. A total of 260 jobs were also cut system-wide.

The Learning Center was eventually replaced by the more specifically targeted Speech Center, Writing Center and Math and Science Learning Center, all of which opened in the last three years. Many of the other programs and positions cut were not so fortunate.

Chris Allen, a professor in the School of Communication who attended Thursday's forum, said the Learning Center was cut by then-Chancellor Nancy Belck without much input from the faculty. He commended the current administration's improvements at transparency.

"I really think that John Christensen is trying to include the faculty," Allen said. "It's a completely different approach."

The NU Board of Regents heard a report similar to the one made by Christensen at their meeting Friday. Chris

Mavs drop to sixth in CCHA following tough weekend against Miami

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

After falling out of the national standings last week, UNO fell further in the rankings after only picking up two conference points this weekend against No. 10 Miami.

The Mavericks are in a three-way tie for fourth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, with both Michigan and Ohio State also having 24 conference points, despite playing two fewer games than UNO.

Miami is second with 28 conference points, and Notre Dame is first with 32 conference points. After this weekend, UNO is 13-9-5 overall and 8-7-5-3 in the CCHA.

Friday night, UNO got off to an extremely late start, not netting its first goal until the final eight minutes of regulation.

By that time, Miami's Jarod Palmer and Andy Miele had already beaten Mavs goaltender Jeremie Dupont. Palmer's goal came on a power play midway through the first period, while Miele's came during the 10th minute of the third.

"We had a two-on-one right before that power play right before they scored that goal," coach Mike Kemp said. "I think we were all kind of let down when the second goal went in."

However, Mavericks fans who gave up and went home early missed senior forward Tomas Klempa's 12th goal of the season, which ignited UNO for the final minutes of play.

With just 1:12 left in regulation, sophomore defenseman Eric Olimb put the puck past RedHawks goaltender Connor Knapp, tying the game 2-1.

A scoreless five-minute overtime period left the Mavs facing their fifth shootout in the inaugural season for the tiebreaker in the CCHA. The Mavs elected to shoot first, which gave Dupont the opportunity to make the first save to give his teammates confidence, he said after the game.

Freshman Alex Hudson scored in the first round, while Dupont kept Miami's first two shooters from scoring. Palmer, however, beat Dupont in the third round, while Klempa was unable to net the game-winner for the Mavs.

In the fourth round, a high-pressure goal was made by UNO freshman John Kemp, after Miami's Tommy Wingles put a second puck past Dupont.

After a scoreless fifth round, Dupont held strong against Miami's Trent Vogelhuber, setting up sophomore Rich Purslow to net the shootout-winning goal in the sixth round.

The shootout win was the third for Dupont, who recorded 26 saves on the night. It was Purslow's first goal in a shootout situation, having missed in his only other attempt on Jan. 18 against Alaska.

"It's all about conference going into the shootout," Purslow said.

On Saturday, a bitter RedHawks squad



took the ice, determined to not allow a repeat of the previous night in front of the 10,111 cheering Mav fans in attendance.

Miami got off to a quick start, with Carter Camper netting the team's first goal against UNO goaltender Jerad Kaufmann at the 2:40 mark on a power play in the first period.

Kaufmann dropped two more goals in the first, with Miami's Pat Cannone scoring a power-play goal at 12:06 and Will Weber with a goal at 14:03.

After Weber's goal, the Mavs pulled Kaufmann from the net, pulling Dupont off the bench to replace him. Kaufmann recorded only seven saves throughout the night.

"It was three quick goals," Kemp said. "Just didn't feel he had it tonight, so as a result of that, we went back to [Dupont]."

As Miami outshot UNO 32-20, Dupont dropped three more goals to the aggressive RedHawks offense.

Camper scored again on a power play at the 12:20 mark in the second period. Cannone scored again at 4:14 in the third, and Brandon Smith made it 6-0 Miami on a power play with just over five minutes left on the clock.

Mavs sophomore Matt Ambroz, assisted by senior Dan Charleston and junior Eddie DelGrosso, saved UNO from the embarrassment of a shutout at the 16:48 mark, scoring on a power play to bring the final

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Top: Miami's Brian Kaufman and UNO's Mike Phillippi battle for the loose puck as goaltender Jeremie Dupont looks on during Saturday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Right: Mike Phillippi (left) and Eddie DelGrosso wrestle with Miami's Justin Vaive during Friday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)



Goaltender Jeremie Dupont blocks a shot by Miami's Gary Steffes during Saturday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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UNO men's basketball dominates at home

MITCH WECKER
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team lost one match in overtime while on the road but picked up a high-scoring win three days later to go 13-5 overall for the season.

After a short road trip to Kansas, Wednesday night, the team faced a tough match with Pittsburg State (8-10, 3-8 MIAA), losing in overtime by two points.

With three seconds left in overtime, Pittsburg State's Carlos Taylor threw up a 19-footer to take the two-point win away from UNO, adding another loss to the overall record.

The 88-86 setback put them at 12-5 overall and 6-4 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. Sophomore Mitch Albers scored a team high of 28 points. Team leading scorer Jenkins and junior teammate Andrew Bridger supported a double-digit effort with 19 and 16, respectively.

Saturday night, another conference match up for the Mavs came again at home with Washburn University visiting the Lee Sapp Fieldhouse. Albers, for a second game in a row, put on a scoring show with a career-high 30 points to help UNO put another win on the record.

"Without a great crowd, it's hard to be successful in the MIAA, but we don't have that problem," Albers said.

Albers had three of his 30 points come



Mitch Albers (No. 30) scored a career-high 30 points to help lead UNO to a 93-88 win over Washburn University. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

late in the first-half with a buzzer-beater shot. This shot gave the Mavs a 54-41 halftime lead.

Late in the second half, the Washburn Ichabods (10-8, 6-5 MIAA) came within three points for the Mavs, with 20 seconds remaining, but couldn't faze the Mavericks with Bridger hitting two free throws after being fouled.

The play was enough for the 93-88 win and positioned the Mavericks with a 13-5 overall record and a 7-4 record in the conference play.

Ichabods guard DeAndre Eggins, who finished the day with 24 points, led Washburn with nine rebounds and seven assists.

The Mavs take on Fort Hayes State (13-4, 7-3 MIAA) at the Sapp Fieldhouse tomorrow. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Women's basketball hanging on after series of losses

MITCH WECKER
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The UNO women's basketball team hosted the No. 10 ranked Washburn Blues last Wednesday looking to redeem themselves from their three game losing streak.

On Wednesday, the team made a trip to Pittsburg State (13-5, 8-3 MIAA), where the Gorillas handed the Mavs a 69-56 loss.

Senior forward Amanda Brodsack led the team by putting up 14 points and 12 rebounds. Senior Ashley Nelson and junior Alyssa Green both showed their scoring skills, shooting 10 points apiece, making three women for UNO in double digits.

Saturday night, the Mavericks took another downfall with a close two-point loss to No. 10 ranked Washburn University (15-3, 8-3 MIAA).

A late pour-on of points by Washburn gave the Lady Blues the 64-62 win, keeping them in the rankings.

Senior guard Cayla Hargrove led the Mavs in scoring with 18 points, followed by Brodsack with 16 points. Brodsack also tore down the boards, again, with eight rebounds.

Janice Bright led Washburn and all scorers with 25 points while teammate Jessica Mainz added 11.

The Mavs now host the Fort Hays State Tigers (8-9, 4-6 MIAA) tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

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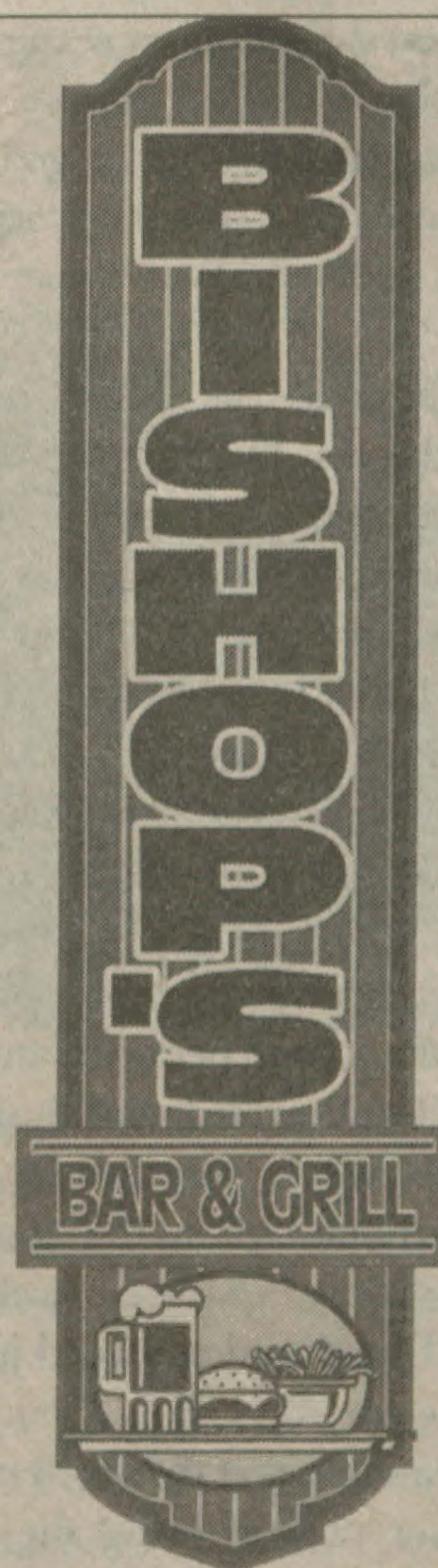
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Cursive returns after seven-month hiatus

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Applause, house lights up, exit stage left. That was the end of the 2009 Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards.

Then came time for the after party at the Nomad Lounge. Nominees, winners and spectators filtered into the party, which is quickly becoming a staple of the awards ceremony.

I found myself outside waiting for a friend - only to overhear a voice that fills my ear buds on a daily basis: Conor Oberst. After a few friends passed, said their "Hello" and caught up, I got my chance to talk to him.

A lot was said during our conversation but, what caught me by surprise, was his reference to Slowdown, Saddle Creek Records' music venue located in north downtown at 14th and Cuming streets. He told me, "The Slowdown ... needs to be worn in a little." Then he flicked his cigarette and disappeared behind the large, oak doors. I was left standing in a traditional, blustery January night, pondering the words of Omaha's oracle of indie music.

Well, if anyone could break in a venue, it's the Saddle Creek Records bunch - especially Cursive, the hometown indie band on the Saddle Creek label featuring lead singer Tim Kasher and company. They slated a two-night stint at Slowdown. Both nights sold out.

According to stereogum.com, "a leading online resource for indie and alternative rock music news," Cursive is set to release its sixth studio LP, "Mama, I'm Swollen," this spring. After a seven-month disappearing

act, Cursive took the stage at Slowdown to wrap up a mini-tour that kicked off in Minneapolis. And if this show is indicative on the success the forthcoming album, Omahans may want to adjust their ears to a new sound from the band.

I arrived just in time for the best act of the night, or so it seemed. It's True! opened, led by front man Adam Hawkins.

A mellow start to their set had me confused. After finishing with "Honestly,"

But there was none. The group featured a saxophone and blues rhythms that set the tone for a crowd that started yelling, "One song closer to being done."

I was disappointed with Joe Knapp,



Ted Stevens and Matt Maginn of Cursive perform at the Slowdown Friday night. (PHOTOS BY CHASE MOFFITT/THE GATEWAY)



the band's soft melodies and Hawkins' super-high octave voice, was a soft way to introduce Kasher's heavy-hitting, deep vocals. Nevertheless, on the last song, Hawkins shredded on his guitar, kicked his fallen glasses to the side, hitting rift after rift. The crowd seemed to enjoy it, as did I.

Now, it was time to see what the hype was about with band Son, Ambulance.

the Saddle Creek wonder, whose work has been featured with Bright Eyes. He seemed a little lost on stage, searching for the next song.

After a short set list, Son, Ambulance left the stage letting the excitement build for Cursive. The crowd finally filled in, and it seemed like the energy was good. Drinks were flowing. Laughter and chatter mixed

into the music over the house speakers, featuring the love children of Saddle Creek. All these elements seemed to be hinting that the much-anticipated show would be well worth the seven-month hiatus.

At 11:01 p.m., the wait was over.

Cursive opened with a new track, "From the Hips," that had sweeping lyrics that set the tone for the rest of the night. From there, it seemed they were plowing through song after song, no need for crowd interaction, at least in the first five of the set.

Then Kasher revealed the first big bummer of the evening. Armed to the teeth with cups and mugs, the hero vocalist said he was stricken with throat problems.

After his brief exposé, we got to see Kasher's lighter side. He poked fun at the crowd for all dressing the same and being uninterested in the set. To be fair, I blame Son, Ambulance for totally digressing from the build the show should've had.

By now, one would think the crowd could've consumed enough to become engaged, but alas, it was not meant to be. The next ten songs seemed to be a real struggle for the band, mostly because the crowd anticipated older material. The new stuff, however, sounded different. It was heavier on the guitar and bass, with no sign of cellist Gretta Cohn.

The big highlight was the solidness of bassist Mike Maginn, member of Oberst's Team Love. It was during "Going to Hell" that I noticed Maginn's playing started making the switch. Even through "Art is Hard," from "The Ugly Organ" album, Maginn's performance indicated his veteran style was on the switch.

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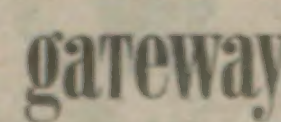
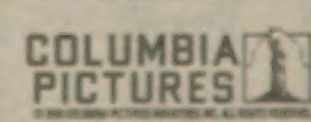
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Service-learning prioritized by students, government

STAFF EDITORIAL

A cursory look at President Obama's agenda on the newly relaunched WhiteHouse.gov Web site lists the areas of public policy you would expect — areas like defense, economy, education, energy, foreign policy, health care, immigration, Iraq and taxes, just to name a few.

One that might seem a little out of place, however, is "service," where the Obama administration promises to do such things as expand the Peace Corps. The Obama administration also hopes to establish a new American Opportunity Tax Credit, which would award \$4,000 annually to college students who do at least 100 hours of public service a year.

Here at UNO, many students have already committed to making service-learning a foundation of their education.

About 200 UNO students, faculty and staff participated in last week's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service project, where they spent four hours helping children at the Turning Point Youth Service Center, the Omaha Children's Museum and the South Omaha Boys and Girls Club. A similar project a year ago attracted 150 attendees.

The day of service, sponsored by the

Service-Learning Academy, is one of several offered annually by the university. Other projects include the Seven Days of Service project over spring break, the Fall Break Service Project and the Durango Days Service-Learning Project.

The day of service was one of more than 11,000 such projects nationally commemorating King's legacy through community service.

We commend those students, both at UNO and across the country, for making volunteerism a priority in their lives — even without the financial incentives proposed by the Obama administration.

Moreover, we applaud the Obama administration for making service learning one of the nation's priorities, giving Americans an opportunity to renew our country through our own individual efforts. The American Opportunity Tax Credit would give students an opportunity to earn their educations while improving the communities they live in.

Locally, we hope the Service-Learning Academy will continue to have success, and we encourage students to consider signing up for this year's Seven Days of Service project over spring break.

World-Herald's stance smells like bigotry

When Omaha couple Marc Volenec and Peter Hamel decided to get married in San Diego last September, they thought it would be nice to run a wedding announcement in their hometown paper, the Omaha World-Herald.

Straight couples who get married out-of-state can pay a fee to get their notice in the paper, so why shouldn't gay couples enjoy the same opportunity? Plus, the announcement might have given hope to marginalized gay children in Omaha and the surrounding rural communities.

"As gay kids growing up, we both got picked on and beat-up," Volenec told The Reader last week. "You don't think there is anybody out there like you. If kids were to see an announcement with two men or two women getting married, they would at least know that it's out there — especially in small towns."

But the OWH rejected the couple's announcement, calling the step a "business decision" which had nothing to do with Nebraska's current anti-civil rights stance on marriage. The OWH claimed instead that the wedding announcement might offend subscribers or advertisers. As a compromise, the OWH did not publish the couple's notice in the print edition but did quietly run Volenec and Hamel's picture on the Omaha.com website.

In fact, the OWH ended up offending subscribers anyway. Volenec has been receiving the newspaper for 12 years, and most people who read this column will be grossed out by the newspaper's bigotry. Even the Omaha.com compromise smacks of inequality: no straight couple would be treated like that.

Of all the things to worry about, what's the big deal about a wedding announcement? Granted, some people object to gay marriage on religious grounds, but this is America, and the idiosyncratic beliefs of a few do not determine public policy.

As for the argument that the United States is somehow a Christian nation: it doesn't work. This country was founded on

rationalist Enlightenment ideals, not dogma, and some of the most influential Founding Fathers were Deists, not Christians. (In fact, the phrase "under God" wasn't added to the Pledge of Allegiance until the 1950s).

What's weird to me is the randomness with which the OWH determines what is morally offensive. Rapes, murders, hate crimes and child abuse all make the papers. These kinds of stories are often written about in a level of graphic detail that offends reasonable people, so why the hubbub over a marriage?

No good reason exists to deny a person their civil rights, and even less of a reason exists to deny a person the ability to publicly celebrate their rights. This is a pretty basic truth. So in the spirit of Yes We Can, let's keep the crusade going against bigotry by doing the following:

- * Request a moratorium on all articles about how hip and viable the city of Omaha has become. As long as Omaha is stuck in the fifties, we should not be allowed to talk about how progressive we are.

- * Hold a series of mock gay weddings on the sidewalk in front of the OWH headquarters with a lesbian priest presiding.

- * Cancel your subscription and refuse to read the OWH or access Omaha.com until they start to take civil rights more seriously. If a professor requires you to read the newspaper for class, refuse. Tell her you're exercising your patriotic duty.

- * Whenever you see a copy or hear mention of the OWH, immediately propose to the nearest member of the same sex, even if you aren't gay. (Remember to get down on one knee; you'll want to keep it traditional so as not to offend anybody.)

- * I'm sure something could be done involving Snuggles.

The fact that I even had to write this column is testament to how far we have to go in the struggle for equality. Barack Obama may have won the presidency, but at the OWH, at least, intolerance has won the day.

I Told Ya So



Tom McCauley



Obama victory a welcome stepping stone to reform

STAFF EDITORIAL

The significance of the election and inauguration of President Barack Obama cannot be understated. While watching the crowd of millions attending his inauguration, it was hard not to perceive the incredible level of citizen interest in government affairs. Perhaps the great tradition of public apathy towards politics is finally over and We the People might begin paying as close attention to the laws which govern us as we do to our own personal leisure.

While Obama's presidency is truly something to celebrate, it is important to keep in consideration the rubble from which his election emerged: the unpopular wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hurricane Katrina, the torture scandals and the failing economy.

In response to the status quo, Americans were offered many choices for president but it really came down to two candidates: John McCain and Barack Obama. Sure, McCain was once a maverick who upset lots of stuffy Capitol Hill dwellers. And yes, Sarah Palin shoots high-powered automatic rifles into paper human figures more eloquently than any figure yet on C-SPAN. But is this what we would have liked to see more of in the presidential office?

The cloudy jewel atop the failed Republican

campaign crown could well be Gayle Quinnell who, at a Minnesota McCain rally, pronounced that Obama is an Arab. While McCain's quick refutation that Obama was in fact born in America is commendable, it seems crippling to a truthful and dignified campaign for outspoken proponents to be shouting such blatantly false racisms.

If what Obama has promised comes true, our government will become one of transparent information sharing and our citizenship will increase its social responsibility. Beyond this our businesses would flourish in a profitable, competitive market, and innovation would skyrocket.

Such a reality can be achieved under this presidency and it was the vision of giant wind turbines — and not burning oil fields — that directed such a belief.

If anything could be taken from Tuesday's inauguration, perhaps the most important, is that now we must pay attention to what is going on in the world. This means that simply watching a certain television show or reading any one newspaper or tabloid is no longer enough. The lesson to be learned is that we should be taking in our information from all angles at all times of the day. We must seek the events of the world and view them as inevitably linked to our own.



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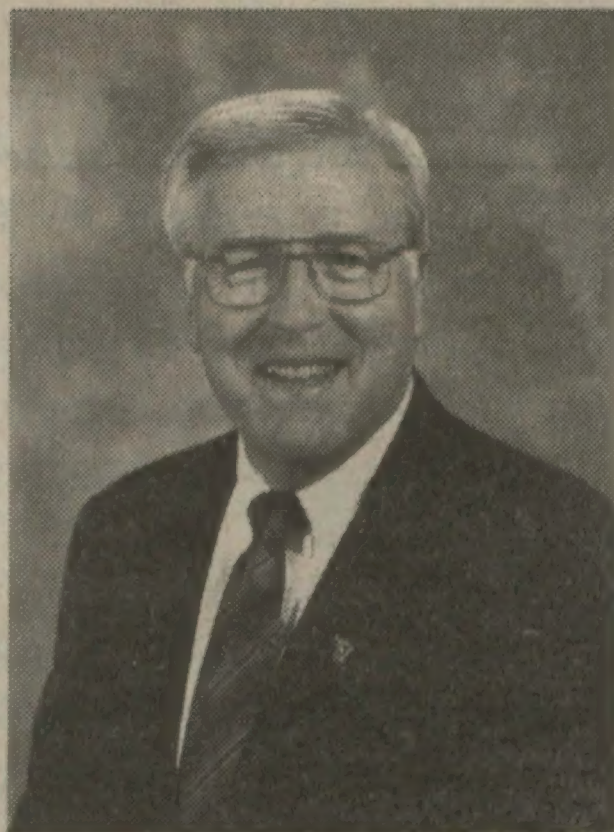
This must be done each semester!

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to Nebraska high schools. Terry Hynes, senior vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at UNO, reported to the regents that 3,070 students participated in UNO's Dual Enrollment Program last year, up from 377 students during the program's first year in 2003-04.

- Appropriated an additional \$7 million as part of the university's obligation under Legislative Bill 1116 for the \$21.5 million purchase of the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

- Created the Center for Humanities, Ethics and Society in the College of Public Health at UNMC. The center is designed to coordinate and expand the educational, service and scholarship in humanities, ethics, law and professionalism at the Medical Center.



BOB PHARES

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Kocsis said.

As of Friday, Van Ormer said she had not been contacted by either the fire department or an insurance company. She drove the car from the parking garage to her father's office nearby.

"One of my lights is melted. My car was dark on top. I just got a car wash," Van

Ormer said. "My tire was lumpy shaped - the fire department said I shouldn't drive it on the highway. Some guy backed it out for me; I was going to just leave it there. I was scared it was going to blow up."

An officer from the Omaha Police Department's front desk refused to comment and public records were unavailable to The Gateway before press time.

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game score to 6-1 Miami.

Earlier in the night, Ambroz was given a 10-minute misconduct for not returning to the bench when told to do so by an official.

Despite Miami being the most penalized team in the conference, UNO racked up 36 penalty minutes on the night compared with Miami's 17 minutes. Friday, the teams had been more even with penalties, with UNO earning 24 minutes and Miami earning 28 minutes.

Overall, that's 106 penalty minutes between the two teams on the weekend. Saturday's game saw the least amount of 5-on-5 play this season, Mike Kemp said afterwards, with 20 power plays being awarded that game alone.

"Well, frankly, from the standpoint of, if you're going to unwind and unravel, you might as well do it all in one game," Mike Kemp said. "We fell behind early, too many penalties, and we never recovered. We got in a hole and never recovered."

The Mavs take the ice on the road this weekend against Ferris State (10-11-5 overall, 7-8-3-0 CCHA). UNO split a series with the Bulldogs in November, and they are looking to close a seven conference-point gap to move up from seventh place in the conference.

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"What Have I Done," off the new LP, rounded out the set list before the encore. By then, it was hard to tell who was fighting harder: Tim to not completely throw his voice, or the crowd, desperately trying to figure out how to get back into the show.

After a brief rest, the encore included five more songs - 20 total songs on the set, which is admirable considering the condition of the road-weary band. The encore was actually better than the rest of the set. It included, "Sink to the Beat," the religious hit "Big Bang" and "Some Red Handed Sleight of Hand."

Just after they exited stage right, I found myself outside again, wondering if the Slowdown may be a little more worn in.

Cursive fans, get ready for something new off this spring's release, "Mama, I'm Swollen." It should be a ride.

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for the Super Bowl?

The Gateway takes a look at
what students are planning
for Saturday's big game.

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Commission begins meetings to review student fee allocations

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Starting last Monday, a group of students and faculty members began meeting to determine how a portion of UNO student fees are spent.

Each student is charged a University Program and Facilities Fee, or UPFF fee. It is composed of a flat \$85 fee plus \$15.10 per credit hour for a maximum of 12 hours.

The Student Activities Budget Commission, which had its first meeting Monday in the Milo Bail Student Center Council Room, is in charge of appropriating a portion of the UPFF called Fund A.

"This year I think the commission is made up of great individuals. They really know what's going on," said Student Government Executive Treasurer Shari Tangeman, who chairs the commission. "They're inquisitive and ask a lot of questions. This is students' money, and they should know where it's going."

Fund A student fees support Student Government, its agencies, Maverick Productions and The Gateway. Each student contributes \$14.40 per semester to support these programs. In the 2008-09 school year, \$456,000 was collected by Fund A.

The remainder of UPFF funds is called Fund B. It supports entities such as Milo Bail Student Center, men's and women's athletics, Campus Recreation, MavCard Services, Student Health Services and campus music groups.

The money that isn't used in a fiscal year is put into a reserve account. The commission has used this money in the past to buy big-ticket items for the campus, such as \$10,000 for the climbing wall in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building.

"We save the money because we know we're the first to get cut," said Meredith Bacon, a political science professor and faculty member of the commission.

Maverick Productions and The Gateway also have reserve accounts for funds not used in the previous fiscal year.

Fund B is directly overseen by Wade Robinson, associate

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SULFURIC ACID SPILL CAUSES SCARE

JAMES CARROLL

SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

A UNO undergraduate student picked up a 10-pound bottle of sulfuric acid late Monday night as she prepared to dilute the acid for classroom laboratory experiments.

It was then that the bottom of the bottle broke off, perhaps due to an impurity in the container, and spilled the acid all over the counter where the student was working, said James Carroll, chair of the Department of Chemistry.

"She almost immediately realized the severity of the problem," Carroll said.

The student rushed across the hall to the classroom where Carroll was teaching a general chemistry laboratory section. She then clearly explained the problem, and Carroll took immediate action.

Sulfuric acid, H₂SO₄, is an extremely corrosive, colorless, odorless liquid commonly used in lead-acid car batteries among many other industrial applications.

After assessing the situation, Carroll took the student to an emergency shower in the laboratory and held her under the cold water while using sodium bicarbonate – baking soda – to neutralize the acid.

Campus Security arrived quickly, Carroll said, and a student in his class called emergency services. Minutes later, Omaha Fire and Rescue responded to the Durham Science Center.

After the student was safely in the hands of emergency medical technicians, Carroll said he began to clean up the acid spill out of concern that the sulfuric acid and the water from the emergency shower would find a hole in the floor and trickle downstairs.

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Suicide claims life of UNO student

TAYLOR MULLER
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Jacob Christensen was attending UNO, pursuing his dream of becoming a K-12 science teacher. However, those dreams vanished in the cold, early hours of Jan. 23.

Police officers responded to reports of an incapacitated male at the Crossroads Mall parking garage about 1:30 a.m. last Friday, according to a police report. Officers found Christensen, dead, in the backseat of his Cadillac Deville – an apparent suicide.

Christensen, 23, was on

Regents scholarship at UNO after having attended Full Sail University in Orlando, Fla., and Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

At Full Sail, Christensen earned an associate of science in computer animation, and while attending Iowa Western, he was on the honor roll. Christensen then followed his love of computer science back to Omaha, the city of his birth.

Christensen is survived by his parents Herb and Brenda Christensen, his sister Christina Hilario and nieces Genevieve and Emma, all of Elk Horn, Iowa.

He is also survived by his twin brothers Dan and Andrew of Council Bluffs, Iowa; brother Jason and wife Kristen, their children Bowen, Kaden and Devin of Salt Lake City; brother Geoff and wife Brenda, children Taylor and Ashlea, and sister Kim all of Naples, Fla.; and his cat Linus.

A memorial celebration will be held at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church on what would have been his 24th birthday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m., with internment at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton, Iowa.



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Senate OK's basketball bus trip after extensive debate

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The UNO Student Senate had its "best and most thorough senate debate in a long time," adviser Barb Treadway said after the meeting on Jan. 22 in the Milo Bail Student Center's Dodge Room.

For more than an hour, senators debated on whether to spend \$760 for a charter bus to send students to Maryville, Mo., to watch the Maverick basketball game against Northwest Missouri State on Feb. 4.

Because of the popularity of the free bus rides to UNO hockey games, Student Senate was considering sending up to 55 students to the Missouri basketball game for free.

"The whole point of this is to get students involved and more interested in their school," said former Sen. Charlie Dukes, who wrote the resolution. "It'll be a fun road trip with your friends, and people who go will bring the excitement back with them."

However, several senators said they were reluctant to spend such a large amount of money on an out-of-state road trip.

In response, Sen. Nathan Kirkland, chairman of the Budget Committee, said he was concerned about some senators' willingness to spend thousands of dollars on Student Government conferences and retreats while being unwilling to spend money on student activities such as the basketball trip.

"What about the students?" Kirkland asked the other senators. "We're supposed to do things for students, not ourselves."

Dissenting members said that they believed very few students would be willing to stay out that late on a school night, for a basketball game.

"The reason we're here is that we're going to school - all this is extra stuff," said Chief Administrative Officer Matt Nelson.

However, junior class senator Michael Crabb disagreed.

"You want to have that college campus feel; this is what college students do," Crabb said.

said. "Home games here are excellent. All 12 people in the stands enjoy it, and an away game against our biggest rival would be worth it."

The hard-fought debate ended with the 22-2 passage of the resolution.

The bus is scheduled to leave at 5 p.m. Feb. 4, for the two-hour trip. Students will be back around midnight Thursday.

The bus ride is free, but a \$10 food charge is required to reserve a spot on the bus. For more information, call Student Government's offices at 554-2620.

"If we get 40 out of 55 seats filled, it'll be considered a success and we'll do it again," Dukes said.

While the basketball trip debate dominated the Student Senate meeting, it wasn't the only issue discussed.

Since June 2008, students have reported having trouble logging on to Lotus Notes. Lanyce Keel, acting executive director of Information Technology Services, gave a presentation on what is being done to solve the problem.

Keel said a student survey would help the campus advisory committee narrow the potential solutions down to three. The three options will then be evaluated based on requirements, risks, cost and feasibility.

Possible solutions include having students forward their e-mail to another address, or allowing students to transfer to an outsourced e-mail vendor, such as Hotmail or Gmail.

"The instability of Lotus Notes has impacted students," Keel told the senate. "We'll see if we can come up with a solution we can all live with."

In addition to the campus e-mail problem, the senate also addressed upcoming, smaller issues.

Crabb said he'd like to have a way to compile teacher reviews so students can see them, reopen the 24-hour computer lab in the student center and look into getting bigger-name food vendors in the student center and at Scott Village.

"A lot of schools have vendors, you know - something that tastes good," Crabb said.

Before the meeting, Student
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vice chancellor for student affairs, with approval from Chancellor John Christensen. All pending decisions for this fund must be approved by the Board of Regents before money is dispersed.

"Based on last year, a lot of good proposals were heard," said Dave Ogden, an associate professor of communication and faculty member of the commission. "Hopefully everyone gets their money."



SHARI TANGEMAN

In regards to the upcoming year, Ogden said he is hopeful the recession doesn't hurt or interfere with UNO student organizations getting the funding they need.

At Monday's meeting, the commission went over the distinctions between Fund A and Fund B and reviewed its schedule for the next several weeks. Each Monday until March 2, the commission will meet at 3 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Council Room.

Parliamentary procedure using Robert's Rules of Order was also briefly discussed at the meetings.

The next Student Activities Budget Commission meeting will be Feb. 2 and will include hearings on Student Government's operational budget as well as the Maverick Connection newspaper program. The meetings are open to the public.

CRIME LOG

COMPILED BY
SCOTT STEWART
NEWS EDITOR

Wednesday, Jan. 21

11:30 a.m. Staff member reported the theft of university property from Kayser Hall. The incident occurred on Tuesday, Jan. 20, between 1:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 23

9 a.m. Campus Security was notified that an individual was found dead in a vehicle at the Crossroads Mall parking garage. According to Omaha police, the incident is being regarded as a suicide.

10 a.m. Campus Security was notified by Crossroads Security, an independent private contractor, of a truck fire in the Crossroads Mall parking garage.

Saturday, Jan. 24

11:52 p.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot Q. Further investigation disclosed two minor students in possession of alcohol. The alcohol was confiscated, and the students were referred for disciplinary action.

2:53 a.m. While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot J. Further investigation disclosed on student and one visitor, both minors, in possession of alcohol. The alcohol was confiscated, and the student was referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, Jan. 26

1:55 a.m. While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security investigated a noise complaint. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police responded. One student and one visitor were found to be minors in possession of alcohol. Both were cited for minor in possession. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

FOR THE RECORD

In the Jan. 27 issue of The Gateway, the headline "Mavs drop to sixth in the CCHA following tough weekend against Miami" incorrectly stated the Maverick hockey team is in sixth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. UNO is currently in a three-way tie for fourth place with Michigan and Ohio State. The Gateway apologizes for any confusion caused by the error.

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Women's basketball team overcomes drought with win against Fort Hays State

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

UNO chipped away at an early seven-point lead in the second half to slip past Fort Hays State 69-60 Wednesday night at the Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Mavs led by 14 points late in the first half but failed to score another point in the half.

Fort Hays State's Naomi Bancroft, who led the Tigers with 33 points, came up big for the Tigers, hitting a pair of free throws and connecting on four 3-pointers to spark a 14-0 run to knot the score 27-all heading into halftime.

An 11-4 run early in the second gave the Tigers a 38-31 lead, but UNO's sharpshooters came up huge for the Mavs as UNO sunk 6-of-12 from 3-point range to help snap a three-game losing streak. The Mavs hit only 1-of-11 3-point attempts in the first half.

"We played really hard," head coach Patty Patton Shearer said. "We got into a difficult situation and were able to really battle out of it. I'm really proud of our effort and intensity where we created a win tonight."



Top: UNO's Cayla Hargrove lines up for a free throw during Wednesday's game against Fort Hays State. Hargrove led the Mavs with 22 points as UNO defeated the Tigers 69-60. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)
Right: UNO's Alyssa Green and Amanda Brodsack (No. 43) double team Fort Hays State's Naomi Bancroft during Wednesday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

The win improved UNO to 8-9 and 5-7 in the MIAA and boosted the Mavs past the Tigers for sixth in the league. Earlier this season the Tigers handed UNO an 87-70 loss in Hays, Kan.

Senior Cayla Hargrove led the Mavs with 22 points, including 17 in the second half, while senior Amanda Brodsack added 19 and a team-high nine rebounds.

"Cayla is great scorer," Patton Shearer said. "The last couple of games she's been in a great offensive rhythm and we hope that it continues."

Senior Latoya Wright and junior Alyssa Green each added 7 points, while senior Mary Brown chipped in six points. Including Hargrove's 22, UNO's bench contributed 37 points.

UNO hosts non-conference foe Rockhurst University (9-11, 3-7 Great Lakes Valley Conference) on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Tough home loss for men's basketball after series of wins

MITCH WECKER
STAFF WRITER

Riding big home wins against Missouri Southern and Washburn, the UNO Maverick Men's Basketball team hit a speed bump with a tough loss Wednesday night to Fort Hays State with cold shooting in the second half.

The men shot an average of 40 percent from the field in their first half of play.

The second half had more bounce for the Mavs, with a tough 29.6 shot percentage, bringing their game field goal percentage to 35 percent. The final score was 80-61 Fort Hays State.

Senior Michael Jenkins led the team once again with 16 points, outscoring last week's Maverick leading scorer sophomore Mitch Albers.

Albers, who last week was awarded the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Basketball Athlete of the Week, followed this week with only 12 points—barely a third of his last game's 30.

He did contribute a big offensive rebound and put back basket to get the Mavs within five points early in the second half.

Unfortunately, the Mavs could



UNO's Tyler Albers fights for the rebound with Fort Hays State's Tim Peintner (left) and Corbin Kuntzsch (right) during Wednesday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

not stop the hot 3-point shooting team in Fort Hays. With Fort Hays shooting more than 50 percent from 3-point land in second half and finishing the game shooting 44.6 percent overall, there wasn't much the Mavs could do. Fort Hays advanced to 13-5 overall,

6-5 in the MIAA.

The next game for the men is on the road against Northwest Missouri State on Feb. 4 in Maryville, Mo.

They will go into the game with a 13-6 overall record and a 7-5 record in conference play.

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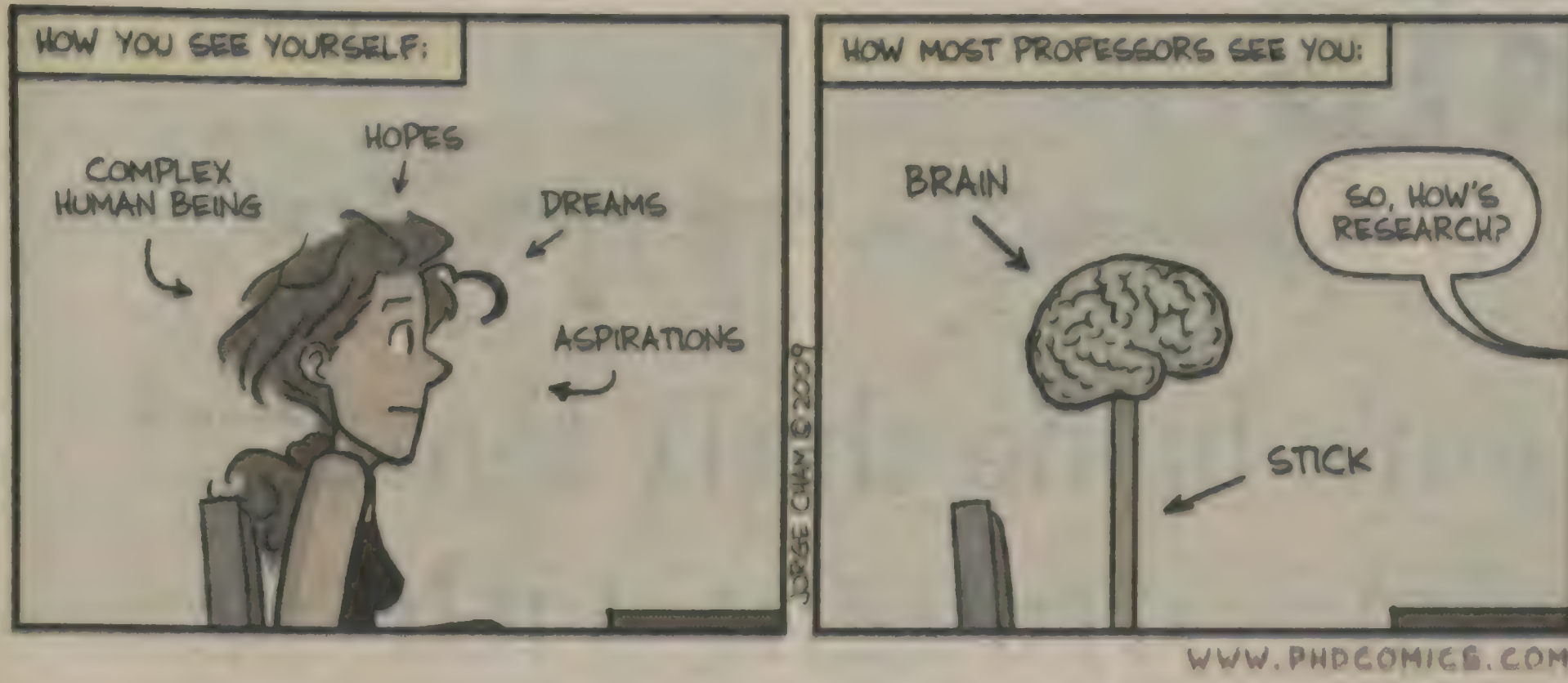
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Government had a final rules review session, in which anyone could come and help fix errors and improve Student Government By-Laws. However, Nelson said nobody came to the meeting.

"We met today, but no one showed up, so I had to review the rules by myself," Nelson said.

The next Student Senate meeting is Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room.

FROM **ACID:** PAGE 1

Carroll's efforts to clean up the spill caused some initial tension with the firefighters, he said, because they didn't want him to make the situation worse. Once a hazardous materials team arrived, however, the cleanup process got finished quickly.

The damage to the chemical stockroom where the student was working was minimal, Carroll said. While there was a fair amount of corrosive damage, the counter where the spill occurred is in a fume hood designed to withstand harsh chemical spills and the floor is made of concrete.

The student was taken the Nebraska Medical Center, and she was released around 11 p.m. Monday, Carroll said. She has since returned to her work in the department.

"I went to the hospital after my class

finished and I was there when she was released," Carroll said. "I've been told that she's in pretty good shape."

KETV Channel 7 News reported the student's name as Sandy Lemke, but the Omaha Fire and Rescue could not be reached to confirm the name. University spokeswoman Wendy Townley said she did not know the student's name.


While smaller accidents are somewhat common, Carroll said, accidents of this scale are unusual. Nevertheless, student workers receive additional safety training to prepare them for incidents like Monday's acid spill.

"An accident of this magnitude is very freaky," Carroll said. "It happens when you're present once or twice in your career."

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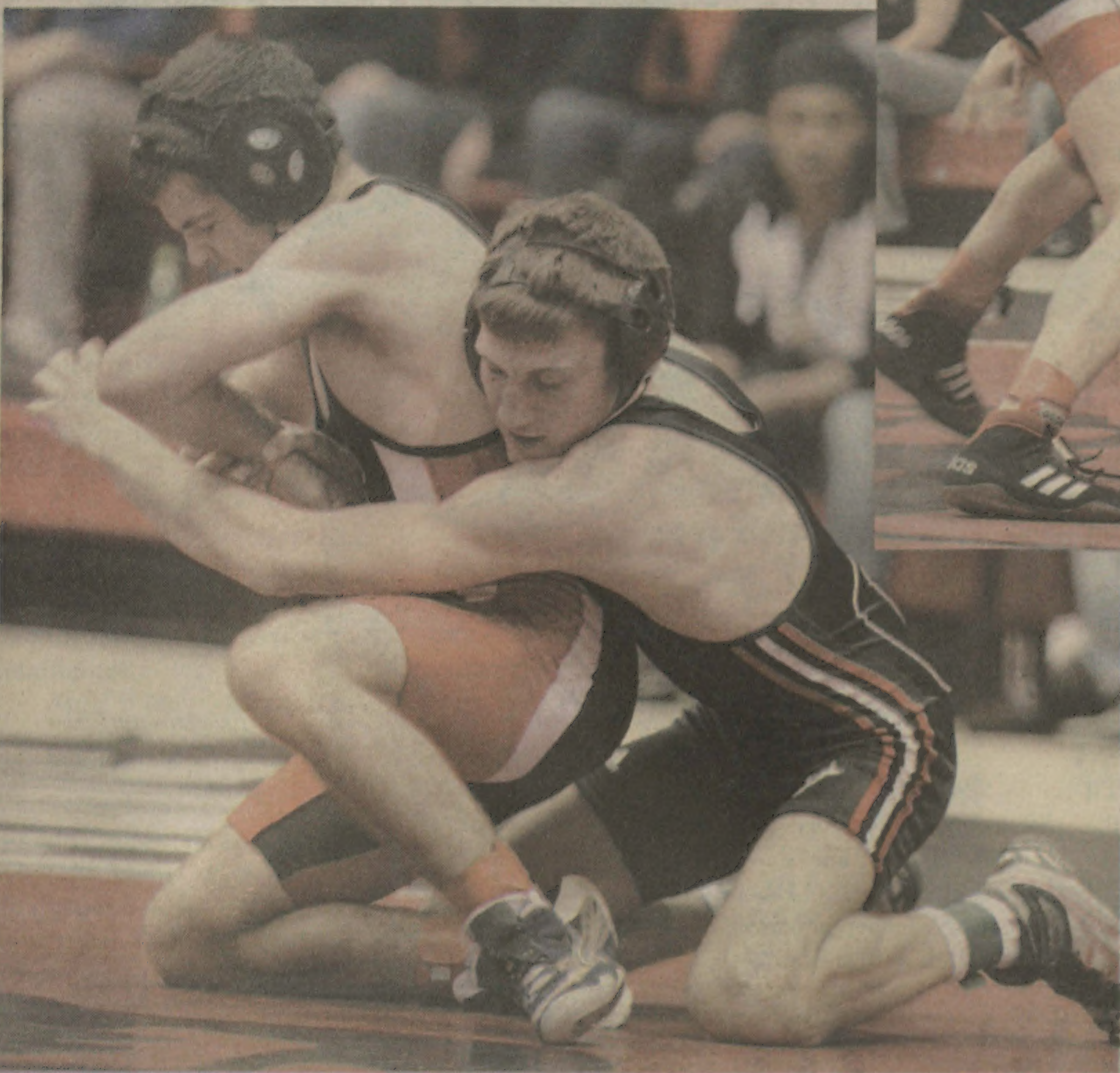
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UNO wrestlers



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Top: UNO's Cody Garcia (right) battles St. Cloud State's Josh Williams during Thursday's dual. Garcia pinned Williams at the 5:36 mark of the 133 pound match. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)
Left: St. Cloud State's Pat LeVasseur works to get away from UNO's Matt Rein during Thursday's dual. Rein scored a 16-1 technical fall over LeVasseur in the 125 pound match. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

MARCUS HANSEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The top-ranked University of Nebraska at Omaha wrestling team captured nine-of-10 matches against formerly 11th ranked Saint Cloud State (37-6) Jan. 22 and defeated top-ranked Division III Augsburg College.

The win against St. Cloud was the team's second highest point total of the year and its fifth victory of the season.

Sophomore Matt Rein, at 125 pounds, won his match scoring a 16-1 technical fall over St. Cloud's Pat LeVasseur. However, the crowd erupted when junior Cody Garcia

pinned No. 8 Josh Williams after 5:36.

UNO was halfway done dominating SCSU with a commanding 20-0 lead after redshirt freshman Esai Dominguez, at 149, won on a technical fall with the score of 19-4 over Jacob Horn.

Senior Todd Meneely, barely broke a sweat beating Chad Kubasch, at 157 pounds, with 13 takedowns.

The night wasn't all wins, though. Former top-ranked sophomore Aaron Denson was pinned by eighth-ranked SCSU's Tad Merritt at 5:31. This handed the Mavs their first and only loss on the

match.

The Mavs played Augsburg the next night, winning seven of 10 matches, improving to 6-0 in duals this season.

Dominguez succeeded in defeating the top-ranked wrestler in Division III, Augsburg's Willy Holst. Dominguez dominated the third period with two takedowns to win the match 4-2.

UNO heavyweight Tony Lewis took down Augsburg's Andy Witzel only 31 seconds into the match.

Witzel fought back, but was unable to hold down Lewis who received a point for

the escape, giving him the win 3-2.

The night was capped with seven takedowns by Meneely over Augsburg's Jason Adams. Meneely entered the night 14-0. He left with a record of 15-0, winning with a score of 14-5.

The Mavs aren't going anywhere soon, and their ranking refuse to budge as well. However, they face Oklahoma Central today at 7 p.m. at the Lee Sapp Fieldhouse.

More importantly, in-state rival and fourth-ranked UNK comes to town tomorrow at 7 p.m. to challenge the still No. 1 ranked Mavs.

UNO third in preseason poll

MARCUS HANSEN
SPORTS EDITOR

With less than a month left until the UNO baseball team gears into play, the February temperatures won't slow the Mavericks down, especially being picked by the conference coaches to place third in their new conference the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

The team received 78 points in the pre-season poll on Wednesday, to finish behind the University of Central Missouri with 99 points and Emporia State University with 92 points.

With several of its opponents in warmer locales, UNO's inability to practice outside year-round is a hurdle to overcome,

coach Bob Herold said.

"It's impossible to get fully ready to play an outdoor sport by practicing inside," Herold said.

Despite being less than ideal for training, Herold still said Nebraska was his No. 1 recruiting pipeline.

"I stay in very good contact with all the high school baseball coaches because many times when an athlete goes to a Division I school, they don't like it and don't know where to go," Herold said. "When the athlete asks their high school coach for advice, many times the athlete is sent my way."

UNO's baseball team consists of 27 players; 16 are from Nebraska.

The shift in temperature takes its toll on the players' muscles as the schedule progresses. This puts the Mavs at a big disadvantage as the season progresses, Herold said.

"We play 75 percent of our games in 45 degree or colder weather, but then when we go to the regional games, it's 75 degrees or hotter," Herold said. "It's very hard on our pitchers, especially who play ball all spring in cold weather, and then [are] put in a Southern regional."

Opening day for the Mavs is on Feb. 13 at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo.

Editor in chief Taylor Muller contributed to this report.



Super Bowl provides students with party options

TODD HANSEN
CONTRIBUTOR

For many students, this weekend's Super Bowl is a great excuse to party with friends. Some might say the game has even turned into a national holiday because so many take part in its festivities.

Many bars and restaurants around the metro will be packed with people watching Sunday's championship game. The Attic Bar and Grill, located at 33rd and Harney streets, is hosting a "Super Sexy Bowl Party." Cover charge is \$10, but those wearing a jersey to the event will get in for \$5. The Attic also features pre-game specials starting at 1 p.m. that will last until kick-off at 5:20 p.m.

Other bars are also trying to get in on the Super Bowl action. Legends Bar and Grill is bringing Channel 94.1 DJs Big Party and Jeff Degan in to broadcast their show live from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pipeline Tavern is offering \$1 burgers and \$5.75 beer pitchers, while Muldoon's Pub runs its happy hour specials all day, including \$5 domestic pitchers and \$9 import pitchers.

While some students are hanging out at the bars, others will be attending house parties.

"Me and my wife are last minute people," senior Craig Haverty said. "But we are definitely going to a house party."

Sophomore Chelsea Badders agrees, saying that she would prefer going to a house party than a crowded bar or restaurant. "I plan on eating and drinking with friends," Badders said.

Local stores and businesses are running specials that cater to those hosting parties. Practically every grocery store in town is running ads and coupons for easy Super Bowl entrees and snacks.

In recent years, though, it's become apparent to many that the Super Bowl parties are more about fun than football.

"It's not about the game," sophomore Ashlee Millius said. "But I will still watch."

But, for those who do enjoy the game, it's a chance to see two of the best teams in the National Football League, the Arizona Cardinals and the Pittsburgh Steelers, to duke it out for a chance at winning the Vince Lombardi Trophy and make their mark on football history.

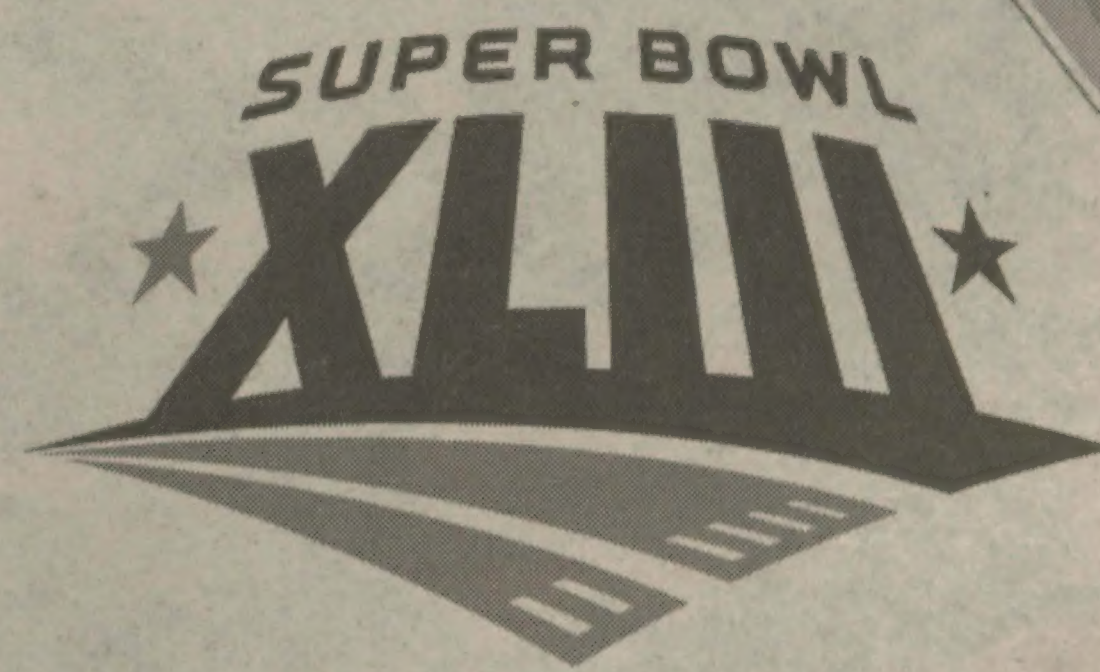
"I've liked Arizona since Denny Green was their coach and am a fan of Larry Fitzgerald," senior Derek Austin said. "I'll also root for them because they are the underdog."

Other fans, whose teams did not make it to the Super Bowl, find hope in the two teams that are left.

A lot of my buddies are Steelers fans," Haverty said. "So I'll probably root for the

Cardinals to bust their chops."

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Entertainment Editor
Andrea Barbe contributed
to this report.

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Blithe Spirit, classic script prove hauntingly good at Playhouse theater

RYAN WILCH
CONTRIBUTOR

The cliché that the past can come back to haunt you takes on a new meaning in the Omaha Community Playhouse's production of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit."

The production is based on the saying "the past can come back to haunt you," with the dead brought back to life in this 1940s comedy.

Protagonist Charles Condomine's life is significantly altered after a séance summons the spirit of his ex-wife Elvira. His current wife Ruth isn't overjoyed with the apparition's arrival and is determined to oust the pestering ghost from their lives.

Originally opening in 1941, "Blithe Spirit" contains themes on marriage, infidelity and jealousy. In this production, Director Judith Hart has the cast members speaking their lines in an affluent 1930s vernacular that, at times, is difficult to follow. It doesn't help that the sound throughout the production was uneven. While all the actors and actresses gave solid performances, such dialog-heavy material requires that the delivery be easily audible. Unfortunately, there were numerous occasions where the audience found themselves asking one another what had been spoken, particularly during the scenes featuring Dr. Bradman and his wife. Mrs. Bradman, played by Lucia Milone Williams, was especially soft-spoken and hard to hear.

Sound issues aside, every member of the cast portrayed their character well.

Jim Palmer did a good job as the skittish Charles Condomine, mixing a nice blend of confidence and neurosis. Laura Leininger's Ruth, comes across as domineering, yet likable at the same time. There is very little question who is in control of the Condomine household.

Although there are some highlights during the first act - like Kim Jubenville's energetic portrayal of the eccentric Madam Arcati, the medium who channels Elvira back from the dead and Mary Kathryn Nagle's hyperactive servant Ruth - the play doesn't reach its comedic potential until the second half. This can be accredited to the tremendous performance of Julie Crowell's Elvira. Crowell charms the audience during the first part of the second act by playing Elvira's free-spirited demeanor. The comedic timing between Palmer, Leininger and Crowell in the first scene of the second act is remarkable and sets the pace for the remainder of the play. Later on, Elvira's charms wear off due to her spoiled nature and not to Crowell's execution.

Bringing a ghost to life on stage is a difficult task. The director and the cast members do a good job of making the audience believe that only Charles can see Elvira. The scene where Charles is trying to convince Ruth that his deceased wife is present was excellent, primarily because of Crowell's jubilant mocking of Ruth.

Visually, the design team did a decent job of fitting the actors in costumes of the 1930s. The set itself looked fairly authentic, SEE BLITHE: PAGE 7

Slipknot headlines Mid-America night of metal, rock

COMMENTARY BY
MIKE BELL
CONTRIBUTOR

"It feels good to be back home!" said Slipknot front man and Des Moines native Corey Taylor to the 7,393 screaming fans in the packed Mid-America Center Sunday night.

The crowd moshed through both Trivium's sets of Metallica-inspired solos and Coheed and Cambria's wailing vocals and melodic guitar work, but showed no signs of tiring.

Kicking off the show, metal group Trivium took the stage to the adulation of everyone in attendance. With my press pass stuck to my jacket, I knelt down next to the speakers and prepared to take the first pictures of the night.

It was a big mistake being that close to the subwoofers. The first power chord knocked me over as the air pulsed with the machine gun-like double bass drums of Travis Smith. Trivium puts on one hell of a show by fully throwing themselves into their music.

After three songs, I was escorted back out to wait for the next band to come on, which was fine by me. My ears could take only a little more unrelenting punishment.

After a short break, I was ready to take pictures of rockers Coheed and Cambria. I knew next to nothing about these guys, but my nervousness had disappeared with the first band's set. I noticed many people exiting as Coheed took the stage.

The lights dimmed, a clean guitar was plucked at in almost a Spanish style solo. I couldn't hear much else. The lights came up and the lead singer Claudio Sanchez, who I can only describe as the child of Canadian guitarist Geddy Lee and "The Addams Family's" Cousin It, stood in front of an enormous banner that read "God will not save you" in big, bold letters. Coheed's virtuoso on guitar, Travis Stever, was hands-down amazing.

Another three songs passed and I retired back to the stands. It was after Coheed left the stage I was told my press pass was not authorized for Slipknot's performance. I sat down to enjoy the main event.

"If they're smart, they won't play too much new stuff," I heard muttered from behind me.

The auditorium filled with buzzing and screeching as white strobes began to creep underneath the blood red curtain now beginning to rise. The song "Sic" crashed into my ears like a fist to the jaw. The crowd began rolling like a wave, back and forth, with five or six small circles of people continuously shoving each other. It was like this on each and every song.

I recognized more than I thought I would, not having listened to Slipknot since their second album, "Iowa." I was told they only played two newer songs, "Psychosocial" and "Dead Memories."

The music itself was entertaining enough, but Slipknot's onstage antics are certainly

a show in itself. The two percussionists, Chris Fehn and Shawn Crahan, had their drum sets raised 10 feet into the air by mechanical risers and then rotated. At one point, they even bucked back and forth like mechanical bulls, leaving the drummers sometimes hanging on and dangling off the

side mid-song.

Unfortunately, the night was rife with injuries as well. One man suffered cardiac arrest shortly after the show concluded. Council Bluffs native Cory Nickels collapsed outside in the concourse area and was picked up by paramedics. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. It was later released that Nickels had a history of heart problems that may have resulted in his death.

While I did not see this happen, I did see at least a dozen people stumble into the infirmary semi-conscious and leave limping towards the parking lot. For Slipknot, this concert was like their homecoming. The long road that started in Des Moines will continue there next week. This year, however, celebrates the 10th anniversary of their first self-titled debut record with many more to come.



"It feels
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- COREY TAYLOR -

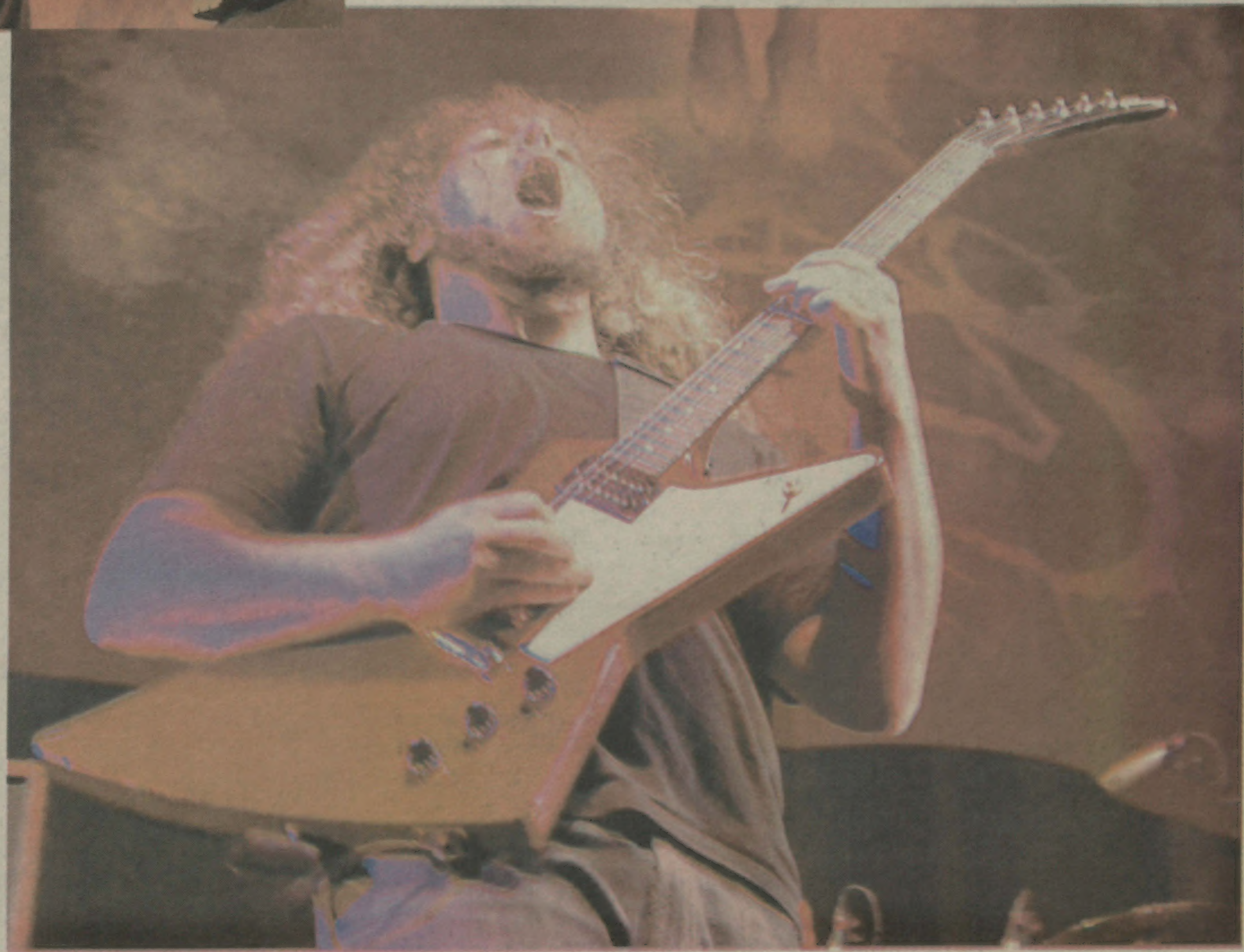


Right: Trivium's Matthew Kiichi Heafy sings during Sunday's show at the Mid-America Center. (MIKE BELL/ THE GATEWAY)

Top: Trivium guitarist Corey Beaulieu rocks out during Sunday's show at the Mid-America Center. (MIKE BELL/ THE GATEWAY)

Left: Trivium guitarist Corey Beaulieu performs during Sunday's show at the Mid-America Center. (MIKE BELL/ THE GATEWAY)

Below: Coheed and Cambria lead singer/guitarist, Claudio Sanchez gets into a song during Sunday's show at the Mid-America Center. (MIKE BELL/ THE GATEWAY)



FROM **BLITHE**: PAGE 6

too.

Despite the hard-to-hear dialog, which causes some of the comedic lines to fall flat, the play is a solid production that is worth seeing.

"Blithe Spirit" will be haunting the Omaha Community Playhouse until Feb. 15. For show times and ticket availability, go to omahaplayhouse.com or call 553-4890.

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ALUMNA GIVES TALK ON AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL REPRESENTATION AT OBAMA'S INAUGURATION

Alumna Amy McClean discusses attending the inauguration of President Obama in Washington, D.C., earlier this month at a forum in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Collaborating Commons on Monday.

McClean, who earned a bachelor's in political science and a master's in public administration from UNO, is a cultural

resource specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She is also an enrolled tribal member of the Cabazon nation.

About 20 people attended McClean's presentation, which focused on American Indian Tribal inauguration activities and a brunch where President Obama discussed his administration's American Indian policies. McClean represented her tribe at those events.

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